

**INTRODUCTION:**  
**SYMPOSIUM ON THE HISTORY OF THE**  
**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

The Bureau of Reclamation particularly wishes to thank the History Department of the University of Nevada - Las Vegas which enthusiastically agreed to host and co-sponsor this history symposium which occurred at UNLV June 18-19, 2002. UNLV provided support in numerous ways, including the time of Professor Andrew Kirk and graduate student Mary Wammack.

We also wish to thank members of the symposium's steering committee which I chaired:

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At Reclamation's urging, the steering committee purposely designed the symposium as a forum for all points-of-view on the history of Reclamation. The steering committee also designed the symposium along lines which are not traditional for history meetings. Paper preparers verbally presented only the highlights of their data and conclusions before the symposium audience. This document/CD, on the other hand, presents all papers prepared for the symposium in their entirety. This is the final CD, including the author's revisions to about one-fourth of the papers. The original papers were distributed to all registrants on CD in advance of the symposium.

Reclamation's history program believes that this symposium, and the papers prepared for it, represent the single largest and the most diverse forum ever undertaken to look at the broad range of opinion and interpretation of the bureau's history. Because of that, we expect scholars and Reclamation employees to consult this information for years.

**DISCLAIMER:** While Reclamation supports the broad exchange and diversity of ideas represented in these papers, neither the Bureau of Reclamation nor its history program necessarily agree with nor endorse the viewpoints, interpretations, and data selections presented in them.

I want to express Reclamation's thanks to all the supporters, paper preparers, moderators, steering committee members, and University of Nevada - Las Vegas staff who helped to make this history symposium possible.

Thank you.

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A note on the pictures on the CD label.

The Granite Reef Aqueduct on the Central Arizona Project is sized to store water and to regulate flows from the Havasu Pumping Plant [1987, photo by Joe Madrigal, Jr.].

Lemons are one of the crops grown on Reclamation's Central Valley Project in California. [1979, photo by J. C. Dahilig].

The unique spillway at East Park Dam on the Orland Project in California went into operation in 1910. [1929, photo by J. E. Stimson].

Gibson Dam on the Sun River Project in Montana was the first Reclamation dam designed using the Trial Load Method. The Trial Load Method was substantially refined by Reclamation staff in the 1920s and 1930s. Gibson Dam was completed in 1929. [1988, photographer unknown]

Maintenance work on a generating unit at Yellowtail Dam, a Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program Unit in Montana. [2001, photographer unknown].